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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
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b. format of material

- ☐ on paper
☐ in electronic form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
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4. Additional comments:

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-24	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-24	YES
	Claims NONE	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-24	YES
	Claims NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Claims 1-24 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest:

Regarding claims 1, 24. The nearest prior art as shown in Pitman fails to teach a method for identifying a broadcast source of content comprising: recording an audio sample; recording a time at which the audio sample was recorded; identifying characteristics of the audio sample and an estimated time offset of the audio sample, the estimated time offset defining from a time difference between a start time of the audio sample and the time at which the audio sample was recorded; comparing the characteristics and the estimated time offset of the audio sample with characteristics and time offsets of samples taken from broadcast stations and taken at approximately the time at which the audio sample was recorded; and based on the comparison, identifying a broadcast station from which the audio sample was broadcast.

Regarding claim 10. The nearest prior art as shown in Pitman fails to teach a method for identifying a broadcast source of content comprising: comparing an identity of an audio sample with identities of broadcast audio samples taken from broadcast channels being monitored; comparing a time offset of the audio sample with time offsets of the broadcast audio samples, the time offsets defining an elapsed time between when a sample was taken and when the time offset comparison occurs plus a relative time offset, the relative time offset defining a time difference between a start time of a sample and a time when a sample was recorded; and based on substantially 7 matching identities and substantially matching offsets, identifying a broadcast channel from which the audio sample was recorded.

Regarding claim 16. The nearest prior art as shown in Pitman fails to teach a monitoring station comprising: broadcast channel samplers for sampling audio from respective broadcast stations; an audio recognition engine for determining characteristics of the audio sampled from the respective broadcast stations, and for determining an estimated time offset of the audio between a beginning of an original recording from which the audio sample was taken and the time at which the audio sample was taken and a processor for receiving a user audio sample, comparing the characteristics and the estimated time offset of the audio sampled from the stations and taken at approximately the same time and a time offset of the user sample, and based on the comparisons identifying a broadcast station from which the user audio sample was broadcast.

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